IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to action on the enclosed application, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/758,626, filed January 10, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

Amendment to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph that begins on page 1, line 19 as follows:

The present application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial Number 10000.5. Part 40.6,584,515, 09/758,626, filed January 10, 2001, and claims the benefit of prior filed U.S. Provisional Application, serial number 60/175,359, filed 10 January 2000, to which the present application is a regular U.S. national application.

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